

### **In the Claims**

1. (Original) A percutaneous catheter for ablation of ectopic foci, comprising:  
  
an elongate member having a proximal end, a distal end, and an ablation instrument mounted at the distal end of the elongate member; and  
  
an expandable filter mounted on a distal region of the elongate member, wherein during use, the catheter is operated to ablate ectopic foci and the filter is expanded to capture necrosed tissue particles generated during the ablation.

2 – 36 Cancelled.

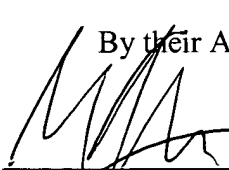
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